



# Week 6 (2/11/24)

## Jacob

### Sibling Rivalry At It's Best

**Read**      **Genesis 25:21-23**

**Describe the rivalry between Jacob and Esau as depicted in Genesis 25.  
(Twins wrestling in the womb)**

Two Nations in Rebekah's womb / Two Separate Peoples

One will be stronger than the other

The older will serve the younger

**Read**      **Genesis 25:25-26**

**What significance does the naming of Jacob and Esau hold in their story? Explain the symbolism behind Jacob's name and his characteristics.**

**Esau means The Hairy One.** It says that he came out red & hairy, with a rug on. He grew up to be a man of the field, an expert hunter. He was also the 1st born and therefore held claim to the family birth right.

**Jacob means Heal Grabber, contender, supplanter.** He would spend his whole life grasping for something from men, that only God could give him.

**Read**      **Genesis 32:22-27**

**What is the importance of the question "What is your name?" in the context of Jacob's encounter with God?**

Why that question? Because to answer it honestly, Jacob had to make an admission. Remember the meaning of Jacob's name. In essence, the Lord was asking him, **"Are you going to continue living up to your name, deceiving others? Or will you admit what you are and let me change you?"**

**Discuss** - How being alone with God allows for an opportunity of examination and reflection. Ask for volunteers for the discussion to maybe speak about a personal encounter (solitary time, a retreat...)

How does the concept of a "new name" relate to personal transformation and spiritual growth? **(Genesis 3:28)**

After having surrendered, Jacob was given a new name—Israel. God was saying, “You’re no longer the ‘heel grabber’ or ‘supplanter.’ Instead, you’re someone marked by Me and named by Me. **Israel - Triumphant with God.** I’m so glad that God doesn’t call me by who I was or what I did. **He calls me what Jesus did... Forgiven, holy, righteous, new.**

**A New name can allow you to walk in a Fresh calling and take you to the next level.**

**Discuss** - How the story of Jacob wrestling with God relates to personal encounters with God in our lives. Have someone give an honest account of wrestling with God about a decision or request...

Anyone who has ever had a true encounter with the Lord leaves with a noticeable change. **How is Moses' encounter with God, as mentioned in Exodus 3, connected to Jacob's wrestling with God?**

Both asked God for His Name. When He answered (v15), he added the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and **the God of Jacob. He says He’s the God of Jacob, not the God of Israel. He’s the God of your bad side, He’s the God of your past.**

**Read**      **Hosea 12:3-4**

**If you’re desperate for breakthrough, then now isn’t the time to fight God—now is the time to surrender and embrace your new name... Forgiven/child of God**

**Close in prayer.**

**Upcoming Events:**

**WorldView Wednesdays    - Each week at 6:30**